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WILD CAR SLAMS AGAINST HOUSE

Auto Glances Off Crash; Through Yard

A careening auto which had glanced off the roadway after a collision at a North Torrance intersection early Friday jumped over a parkway, through a redwood fence, across the backyard of one resident, through another redwood fence, complete with stone planter boxes, and came to rest against the back of a house nearly half a block from the intersection.

In all of this, no one was seriously hurt, according to Torrance police.

THE PROBLEM started when autos driven by Winford Willis Fingerson Jr., 32, of 4122 W. 179th St., and Katherine Helen Polsen, 4312 W. 178th St., collided at Amie and 179th St.

The Polsen auto, which had been going south on Amie, continued across the intersection, climbed the curb on the east side of the street, went through the fence and into the backyard of the Keith A. Williams home at 4130 W. 179th St.

STILL ON the move, the car collected a swing set in the Williams back yard, crossed over a young tree, and went through its second redwood fence separating the Williams yard and that of Richard Oliver at 4130 W. 180th St.

After passing through this fence, the car collected a second swing set, and pinned the whole conglomeration against the Oliver house as it came to rest.

"What a way to wake up," Oliver told the HERALD after the car had slammed into his house.

Airport Plan Under Study

The first step in a \$2.5 million development on the city's airport was taken this week with the approval of plans in general by the airport commission for an airport terminal building, cocktail lounge, maintenance hangar, and a hotel-motel facility.

Proposed by J. W. Gwilliam, South Bay area real estate developer, the plans were approved in principal

46th A.D. Demos Pick New Leader

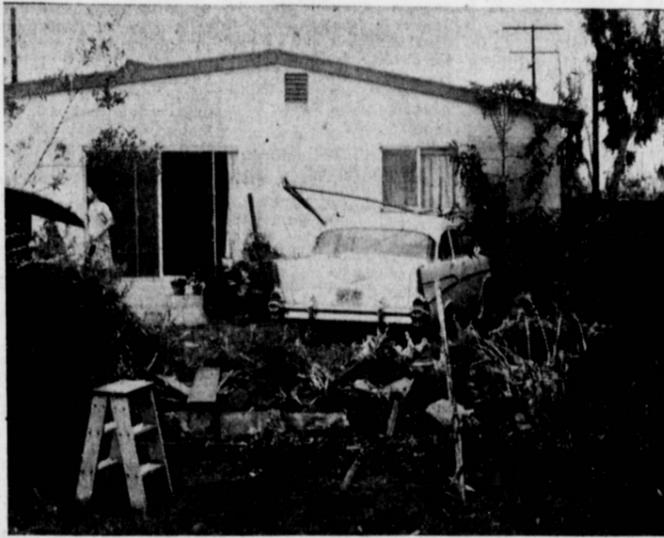
Laurence R. Sprecher, Inglewood engineer, was elected chairman of the 46th Assembly District Democratic Council at a recent meeting of the group which is comprised of representatives of 14 Democratic clubs in the district.

Sprecher's political experience includes membership on the Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee, two terms as treasurer of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council, past president of the Inglewood Democratic Club, and service on the political activities committee of the 46th Assembly District Council.

Newly elected vice president is Mrs. Jack Mitchell, Rolling Hills Estates. Mrs. Mitchell is a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and served as precinct chairman of the 46th Assembly District during the recent campaign.

Theodore Bluestein, El Segundo, is the new council treasurer. Bluestein, president of the El Segundo Democratic Club, is an aeronautical engineer employed by Hughes Aircraft Co.

Mrs. George Mohler, San Pedro, was elected secretary. Mrs. Mohler is a charter member of the Crestwood Democratic Club in which she has held the posts of publicity and ways and means chairman. She is also an active member of the San Pedro Junior Women's Club, having served as ways and means chairman and philanthropy chairman.



END OF RIDE . . . Careening car which had glanced off intersection crash half a block away came to rest against the residence of Richard Oliver, at 4129 W. 180th St., early Friday. It had gone through a side fence, rear fence, and collected trees, shrubs, and two swing sets on its way to the house. (Herald Photo)

Romney Slated To Address 'Y'



To Address Businessmen

The Torrance YMCA this week mailed invitations to the Los Angeles Y's fourth annual Good Friday Breakfast for business and professional men March 31 at the Biltmore Hotel.

Speaker will be George Romney, president of American Motors Corp.

Others on the program will include actor Joseph Cotten; Marni Nixon, Lyric soprano; Elinor Remick Warren, composer-pianist; C. L. Peck Jr., contractor; and Waller Taylor II, lawyer.

Scott F. Albright, Y Board chairman, said, "We sponsor this event jointly with 24 other YMCA branches and expect to have a big Torrance contingent in attendance."

"In only three years the Good Friday Breakfast has been . . . (Continued on Page 2)

Recreation Aide Receives Study Grant

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Slogan for Recreation Month Picked

"Recreation — Your American Privilege" has been selected as this year's slogan for Parks and Recreation Month, June 18 to July 15, according to Harry Van Bellehem of Torrance, chairman of the guiding committee representing city, county, and school recreation departments.

Highlighted by a Miss Recreation Contest, the month-long observance is staged to promote the values and opportunities available to the public through local recreational agencies.

CROWNING THE QUEEN will take place May 19. The queen will also reign as Miss Los Angeles County in August at the State Fair.

In noting the importance of the observance, the committee pointed out that today America is living in a world in which there is more leisure time for more people than ever before.

"Whether this new leisure will be a burden or a blessing depends on how we use it. That's why it is important for Americans to have the opportunities to learn the attitudes and skills that will enable them to benefit from their leisure," Van Bellehem said.

Plunge Open

Swimmers who like to get an early start on the season will be given an opportunity during the coming week when the city's plunge opens from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. tomorrow through Saturday and from noon until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

It was decided to open the pool during the Easter Week vacation to give it a "wet run," Harry Van Bellehem, the city's recreation director, said when making the announcement. Regular admission prices will be in effect, Van Bellehem said.



VOLUNTEERS CITED . . . Dr. Robert Jackson and Mrs. E. D. Schneider (in center) receive awards and congratulations from Frode B. Kilstofte (left) and James Becker (at right) during awards banquet for Chest volunteers at the Plush Horse Thursday.

Chest Volunteers Cited For Efforts in Campaign

Volunteer leaders and generous givers shared top billing at the fifth annual Harbor Area Community Chest awards meeting held Thursday night, March 23, at the Plush Horse Inn.

More than 300 persons attended the annual affair to receive honors and plaudits for their roles in the 1960 Harbor Area Community Chest appeal.

Jim Becker, last year's Harbor Area campaign chairman, presented the bronze plaque award—highest honor for employee groups—to Pipe Linings, Inc., Wilmington and Key Register Corp., Gardena. Steve Toth accepted the fifth year award for the Wilmington firm, while Phil Chapman took the first year award for the Gardena employe group.

Harbor Area trophies for top volunteer campaign performance were awarded as follows:

IRA KAYE Trophy for 100 per cent organization — Mrs. Robert Place, Rolling Hills.

JIMMY VISCEGLIA City Chairman Trophy for city chairman with highest percentage of quota — Mrs. Robert Place, Rolling Hills.

J. A. ROBINSON Residential Unit Chairman's Trophy for unit chairman with highest

percentage of quota — Mrs. E.D. Schneider, North Torrance.

FRODE B. KILSTOFTE Advance Gifts Trophy for advance gifts chairman with highest percentage of quota — Dr. Robert Jackson, Torrance.

SPINAK Trophy for commerce, and industry division chairman with highest percentage of quota — Walter Holstein, Wilmington.

RESIDENTIAL UNIT Chairmen receiving awards for reaching 100 per cent of goal were Mrs. Nick Traini, South San Pedro; Mrs. E. D. Schneider, North Torrance; Mrs. G. T. Derouin, Central Torrance, and Mrs. Harry K. Bally, Gardena.

Mrs. Wm. Ralph La Porte, Palos Verdes, and Mrs. Joseph Morillo, Gardena, were also recognized for their leadership roles as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively, of the Harbor Area residential campaign.

MORE THAN 100 other residential section and division chairmen, commerce and industry committeemen, and employe Chest chairmen were also cited for "100 per cent" campaign performance.

Firms given awards for generous giving to the Community

Chest last year included Commercial Credit Corp; Liteline, Inc.; Bowl-O-Drome and Magnavox Co. Research Labs of Torrance.

AREA CAMPAIGN chairmen receiving special leadership awards were Becker; Frode B. Kilstofte, Wilmington, advance gifts; Fred Mill, Torrance, vice-chairman; George Powell, Torrance, commerce and industry; Mrs. Jane Rye, Lomita, speakers bureau.

City Chairmen honored were Ed Russ, Gardena; V. A. Bauchiero, Lomita-Harbor City; Jack Kahlo, Palos Verdes; Mrs. Robert Place, Rolling Hills; Claude Sebring, San Pedro; Harold Frenz, Torrance, and Ray Choate, Wilmington.

"**GOLD OSCAR**" awards were won by Walter Holstein, Wilmington commerce and industry, and Dr. Maurice Okum, San Pedro advance gifts.

Completing the annual meeting were remarks by Lawrence T. Cooper, Pacific Telephone Co. executive, who spoke on the responsibilities of Community Chest budgeting, and the installation of new board officers and members by Edwin H. Corbin, Security First-National Bank executive.

A Penny for your Thoughts

Women of The South Bay Church of God, 17661 Yukon, held a "Shop and Eat" last Friday and five participants were asked this question:

"Do you have good response to this type of a church function?"

Mrs. Anna M. Sell, 3609 W. 182nd:

"This is our first full day attempt and the second event of this type we have held. We didn't expect as much response as we have had today. It has the earmarks of being very successful."

Mrs. Velora Young, 2111 W. 233rd:

"Everyone seems to enjoy this and there has been a good turnout. Cooking is my hobby and this is a wonderful outlet for me. You meet new

people and it helps our church grow. It serves different purposes and money raised helps missions."

Mrs. Rhea Disrud, 16922 Kornblum:

"The main thing to stress is that functions like this promote good Christian fellowship and the money raised helps missionaries in foreign fields. There were 50 people involved in selling foods, home-made candies and plants, and the response is wonderful."

Mrs. Fern Hart, 15245 Cranbrook:

"The church members always stand behind us in participating and bring their families. We have helped needy families by providing food for them and last year remodeled the nursery with money raised."

Mrs. Leroy Forsythe, 1931 W. 184th:

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Playgrounds Open

The Torrance recreation department plans to have parks and some school playgrounds open with supervised play programs during Easter week.

School playgrounds which will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. all next week include Calle Mayor, Casimar, Flavian, Greenwood, Hillside, Meadowbrook, Seaside, and Tower



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD . . . Marilyn Jensen, assistant director of Torrance Recreation Dept. (right), is pictured receiving \$250 California Recreation Society award from Alta Sims Bunker, retired Oakland recreation director. Rev. Milton Sippel, member of local recreation commission, assisted. (Herald Photo)